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c) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not on school districts. There are state mandated local costs that require reimbursement, which is provided in the Budget Act to cover any costs that local agencies may incur.

d) Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, the CDSS did not consider other alternatives because the department is legally bound to implement the provisions outlined in AB 480, AB 818, AB 910, AB 1604, and AB 1811.

The CDSS has determined that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

e) <u>Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business</u>

The CDSS has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made based on the fact that these regulations only apply to a small group of the CalWORKs program participants, who are a comparatively small part of the overall statewide population. If anything, this proposed action may beneficially affect some businesses, as the provision for diaper supportive service payments may increase the amount of money clients spend on diaper products.

i) <u>Testimony and Response</u>

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the public hearing held on September 3, 2019 in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimony was received during the 45-day comment period from July 19 to September 3, 2019.

j) <u>15-Day Renotice Statement</u>

CDSS did not renotice these regulations because no changes were made to the regulations following the public hearing.